

Term 4 2020 Calendar

4	BOT Meeting	2	Te Whanau Kaitiaki Meeting via Zoom Ki O Rahi Selected students Year 5/6- Aotea	3	4	Parihaka Day	5	Family Merit Starts at 2pm	6
5		9	Parumoana Athletics Day	10	11	12		Year 5/6 and 7/8 Speech Comp	13
6		16		17	18	19			20
7		23		24	25	26		Final Disco – Year 8s organising	27
8	BOT Meeting	30	Wellington Regional Athletics	1	2	Year 8s visit Aotea College	3	Family Merit Assembly 2020 Helpers Lunch	4
9		7		8	9	10		End of Year Reports	11
10	Year 8 Leavers Dinner	14	Final Day for 2020 Final Assembly School finishes 1pm	15	16	17			18

Term Dates 2021:

Wednesday 3rd February – Day 1 for students 2021 – Easter is during Term time. - Friday 16th April - End Term 1

Monday 3rd May - Term 2 starts - Friday 9th July - End Term 2

Monday 26th July - Start Term 3 - Friday 1st October - End Term 3

Monday 18th October – Start Term 4 - Tuesday 14th Dec – Last day 2021

Badge Making Machine: Planning for 2021 is either well underway or completed. Our Staff has been very busy getting everything in place. We are looking to start Leadership Badges next year. Do you or someone you know have access to a Badge Making Machine? By having access to such a machine we'd be able to design our own badges and it would be a whole lot cheaper!

SunSmart Policy: No wide brim hat, no play.

SUBWAY LUNCHES – Still happening every Wednesday. Same system as last term. Drop off your order anytime but before the bell on Wednesday morning.



Postgate School Newsletter

Term 4: Week 4
2020

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

**“He whaikorōria ki te Atua i runga rawa - Glory to God on high
He maungārongo ki runga i te mata o te whenua - Peace on earth
He whakaaro pai ki te tāngata - Good will to all mankind”**

- As written on the monument to Te Whiti at Parihaka

Supporting statement:

We will promote life-long learning in our children by developing their social, intellectual, emotional and physical skills in a creative and caring environment.



“Together, We Learn and Achieve”

**“Mā te mahi ngātahi,
ka tū pakari te mātauranga”**

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November 2, 2020

Kia ora mai anō tātou katoa whānau

Te Whanau Kaitiaki Meeting: Our next TWK meeting is tomorrow night, via Zoom. The meeting starts at 6:30pm from the comfort of your home!

<https://zoom.us/j/91543892357?pwd=dUN6bnd5SVNYMHR0dWM1UnUzOVITZz09>

Meeting ID: 915 4389 2357

Passcode: whanau

Board of Trustees Nominations: We had 1 nomination for our BOT election. Congratulations to Malissa Gibson (currently serving on the Board) on her reselection to our BOT.

Your BOT are meeting tonight and will discuss the vacant position and options available to them.

Parihaka Day: Every year on November 5 we burn money and celebrate a terrorist who, in 1605, tried to blow up the English Parliament; Guido Fawkes or known to us as Guy Fawkes.

Unknown to many New Zealanders is that November 5 is also a day of remembrance for the people of Parihaka, which is located under Mount Taranaki.

As a country we are probably aware of Mahatma Ghandi and Martin Luther King. History tells us about their fight for justice for their people using passive-resistance. In New Zealand during 1879 we had two Māori rangitira (leaders) using passive-resistance in their fight to protect/preserve/keep hold of their iwi's land in Parihaka; Te Whiti-o-Rongomai and Tohu Kākahi, both of the Taranaki and Te Āti Awa iwi.

The story of Parihaka is a sad/terrible story of how early English settlers treated Māori and how as New Zealanders we are unaware of our own history. Most New Zealanders may be unaware that they have heard the story of Parihaka through the song by Tim Finn and Herbs.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yn7a7xMeRkw>

Tim was inspired to write the song after reading Dick Scott's book 'Ask That Mountain: The Story of Parihaka'.

Te Whiti-O-Rongomai and Tohu ensured their turangawaewae was a place of peace. If the English settlers fenced off their land for farms, the people of Parihaka would take the fences down at night. Te Whiti-o-Rongomai and Tohu Kākahi began a campaign to resist European settlement on land confiscated from south Taranaki Māori who had fought against the government.

This campaign used non-violent methods. In 1879 the government started surveying confiscated land on the Waimate plain, south-east of Parihaka. Te Whiti's followers disrupted these surveys by ploughing and fencing land occupied by settlers. Many were arrested and held without trial in the South Island, but the protests continued.

On 5 November 1881, Parihaka was invaded by 1500 Armed Constabulary. They were met with passive resistance by the people of Parihaka. Instead of finding an iwi ready to fight, they found a warm greeting of children singing and doing poi. Instead of a war party, the English found a greeting fit for any manuhiri/visitors.

Te Whiti and Tohu were arrested and jailed for **16 months**, **1,600** Parihaka inhabitants were expelled and dispersed throughout Taranaki without food or shelter and the remaining **600** residents were issued with government passes to control their movement.

Te Whiti and Tohu were sent to the South Island following their trial in New Plymouth. The trial was transferred to Christchurch, at the Crown's insistence, because it was clear that the Crown was losing its case in New Plymouth.

The Christchurch trial, however, was never reconvened. Te Whiti and Tohu were held 'at the government's pleasure' for a further two years. In their absence, Parihaka was effectively destroyed, certainly as a functioning community, with its people being forcibly dispersed and its economy put to ruin.

Te Whiti and Tohu returned to Parihaka in 1883, seeking to rebuild Parihaka as a place of learning and cultural development, though land protests continued. Te Whiti would be imprisoned on two more occasions after 1885. Te Whiti and Tohu died months apart in 1907.

On June 9, 2017, the Parihaka community met with Crown officials to hear a reconciliation apology, and to receive \$9 million in restitution for the past Crown actions.

Te Whiti and Tohu taught peace and unity – they wanted people to live together, side by side. That was their legacy. And, this is my reason why Thursday is Parihaka Day not burn my money on five seconds of getting my jollies for some Guy we know nothing about! I'll watch others burn their money while treating myself to a nice ice cream.

Endeavour and Exploration Swimming: Thank you for your support over the past three weeks. It is a huge undertaking taking our Years 1-3 out of school for swimming lessons and this would not have been possible without your support.

Teaching Staff for 2021: Michelle Dundon-Smith is taking a year's leave in 2021 to relax, refresh, and relive life. We wish Michelle an enjoyable year away from school.

As stated last term, Chris Shaw is off to the Winterless Far North and has secured a teaching position at Hikerenui School.

We welcome three new teachers to Postgate in 2021: Tamara Mitchell who is joining us from Dunedin; Kelsey Flett is coming from St Peters and Pauls in Lower Hutt and Kylie Joseph, Postgate parent and current teacher aide in Room 12 will also join the teaching staff as a Year 2/3 teacher.

Teachers and teams for 2021

Year 7/8- Cecilia Kennar (Team Leader), Tamara Mitchell, Kayne Leighton

Year 4-6- Alex Duff (Team Leader), Samantha Rutherford, Heather Browne, Jo Riley

Year 2/3: Kelsey Flett (Team Leader), Kylie Joseph, Cheryl Moeau, Tina Faulkner

Year 1: Hayley Walters (Team Leader), Nicole Mitchell, Catherine Bland

Not leaving but still on maternity leave for another year- Asmita Rama.

Still here – All other staff including Lesleigh and Jacqui, Denise and David, Teacher Aides; Carly, Lianne, Ma, Maureen, Tracy and Tomasi. Along with Glenn, Kelvin, Deb and anyone else I've missed.

Any questions, please let me know.

Thanking you for your support of Postgate School.

I will enjoy watching other people's money burn on Thursday evening!

Mauruuru kotahi ano koutou mo to koutou tautoko o Postgate School.